

## **SPECIAL NOTE**

Although the original intent of the Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey was developed for assessing the outcomes of individuals with disabilities, districts are now able to choose to also interview exiters without disabilities.

## **Resources**

### **Executive Summaries/Final Reports**

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/posthigh.html>

### **State Improvement Plan**

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/sig.html>

### **LEA Special Education Plan**

<http://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/leareports/>

### **National Longitudinal Transition Study**

<http://www.sri.com>

### **National Longitudinal Transition Study2**

<http://www.nlts2.org>

### **National Longitudinal Transition Study Literature Review**

<http://www.sri.com/policy/cehs/dispolicy/nlts.html>

### **Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative**

<http://www.wsti.org>

### **Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey**

<http://www.posthighsurvey.org>

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The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is committed to identifying and responding to the needs of students with disabilities.

To that end, it is necessary to document the post high school outcomes of students with disabilities, and to use that information to make programming and planning decisions to improve education and transition services for students, and to ultimately improve their post high school outcomes.

# **WISCONSIN POST HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES SURVEY**

for  
**Wisconsin  
Local Educational Agencies**  
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## **WEBSITE**



This DPI sponsored website provides LEAs the  
method and tools to conduct their own local  
outcomes survey in a time efficient  
and cost effective manner

**[www.posthighsurvey.org](http://www.posthighsurvey.org)**

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## Data Collection

### Framework

The Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey (WPHSOS) assesses the outcomes of students with disabilities who exited their high school educational placement by examining the former student's participation in independent living activities, postsecondary education, and employment. Additionally, student participation in high school job exploration, employment and vocational preparation is assessed.

The information is collected from the graduates and their families through a telephone interview conducted by their former high school. We hope it will be a valuable tool for improving education and transition services in your district.

### What's Involved

- ◆ **View** the survey process, directions and materials at [www.posthighsurvey.org](http://www.posthighsurvey.org)
- ◆ **Read** the survey directions and the FAQs
- ◆ **Determine** if this tool will meet your district needs
- ◆ **Proceed** with the website step-by-step directions to receive your user name and password
- ◆ **Use** the sample District Report to complete your Post High School Outcomes Survey

Wisconsin Post High School Outcomes Survey  
interview questions are modeled after the  
**National Longitudinal Transition Study2**

## Reasons for Use

- ◆ Time efficient and cost effective tool to gather post high data
- ◆ In-district planning so limited resources are efficiently channeled to improve outcomes of future students
- ◆ Use gathered information at special education data retreats
- ◆ Fulfill LEA SEP requirement
- ◆ View data in many ways over time
- ◆ View Outcomes in:
  - Independent living
  - Postsecondary education
  - Employment
  - Participation in high school activities
- ◆ Report results and findings on differences in outcomes by:
 

Gender	Diploma Type
Ethnicity	Disability Status
Disability Area	Exit Status
Across Years	Within District

## Summary Data 2003-04 Exitters

The state of Wisconsin has been collecting data on exitters since 2001 and has assisted over 75 districts in conducting local outcomes surveys.

2003-04 Exitters	Living Independently	Attend Postsecondary	Paid Employment
National	23%	32%	70/44%*
Wisconsin	35%	48%	72%
LEA	What are your LEA stats?		
*70% over 2 years / 44% at time of the interview			

Post high state reports and executive summaries  
can be located at

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/posthigh.html>